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1. All screen number 230 made from nickel wire at TMA-Meustadt and affiliated enterprises (Graefenthal and Maderschneider und Lenzner, Meulenroda) for shipment to Russia was normally delivered by air. The screen was assembled at TMA-Meustadt and, after inspection and acceptance through the Russians, brought in Russian-operated trucks to Berlin from where it was shipped to Russia by plane. Every screen shipment was accompanied by two routine documents: one of them, originally called "Ankunft" (information sheet), later called "Genehmigung" (authorization sheet), was provided with the typewritten inscription in German "Per Flugzeug" (by air); the other document, called "Versandanweisung" (shipping order), had to be provided with the same inscription. In addition to this documentary evidence, it became known through truck drivers that the screen was brought from Meustadt to a Berlin airfield.
2. This shipping routine was interrupted once in the first half of 1952 when a shipment of screen was sent to Aue instead of to Berlin. The same thing happened with the last shipments of screen, including the screen produced from September through November 1952, representing a total of about 18,000 square meters. This screen was the last part of the 1952 order; the last shipment took place on 1 December 1952. Aleksandr Leonovich Stesnov, the Russian supervisor of screen production and shipment, stated that the September through November 1952 production was loaded in trucks on several dates and brought to Aue to be shipped from there to Russia by rail. It was confirmed by truck drivers who brought the screen to Aue. Every shipment of screen from Meustadt to Aue was accompanied by Stesnov, who followed the trucks in a sedan.

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